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SUBJECT: FEST 74

REF: USIA 1354, BELGRADE 0327

1. URTEL CROSSED OURS REPORTING INFORMAL PROTEST TO
FEST DIRECTOR COLIC. VIEW FACT PROGRAM ALREADY
CARRIED BY YUGOSLAV MEDIA WITH "STATE OF SIEGE" AS
OPENING FILM, BELIEVE LITTLE MORE CAN BE DONE AT THIS POINT
TO ALTER IT. COLIC FULLY AWARE OF U.S. DISPLEASURE AND
FURTHER PRESSURE COULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE RE ADVERSE
PUBLICITY.

2. ALTHOUGH "SIEGE" ELIGIBLE FOR AWARD AS "BEST FILM" ALONG
WITH OTHER FILMS SELECTED FOR SCREENING, WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE
THAT "POLITICAL PRIZES" AS SUCH EXIST. MOREOVER, COLIC MADE
POINT THAT SOVIETS HAD PROTESTED SHOWINGS OF "RUBLEV" AS
OPENING FILM LAST YEAR.

3. STRENGTH OF CASE AGAINST FEST UNDER IFFPA ARTICLE 5
UNDOUBTEDLY WEAKENED IN ABSENCE WRITTEN, FORMAL PROTEST.
HOWEVER, CONCUR THAT SUCH PROTEST LIABLE TO GENERATE SUBSTANTIAL
AND NEGATIVE PUBLICITY.
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